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To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:28 AM
Subject: Multiple Ownership Regulations

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I am deeply concerned and troubled about the proposed changes to the rules governing ownership of media companies. As a citizen of this country, my expectations of a fair, unbiased media run deep. It is clearly becoming a trend for news reporting in this country to be presented like advertising, looking for just the right emotional angle to engage and sway the viewer.

The ultimate outcome of these changes is clear, as the CEO of Clear Channel Entertainment was publicly quoted as saying, and I paraphrase, "We are not here to provide a service to the public, we are here to sell a product." A company that owns more than 1,200 radio stations in this country **SHOULD NOT** be permitted to operate with a philosophy that expresses complete disregard for the public welfare. What has happened to the obligation and responsibility this company holds to use the airwaves to provide a public service?

As I prepare to give the commencement speech at Twin Valley High School in Pilgrim Knob, VA, I struggle to find the right words to express to our youth what is happening in our corporate world today. The homogenization of our society, of our media, of our culture, is increasing at an alarming rate.

This country's history has a deep seated tradition of presenting "all" sides of the story, these proposed changes ensure that less sides of the story will ever be heard. That is dangerous and it threatens the founding principles of our country. Citizens of this country have a right to see and hear the news as it exists factually, not only as 6 mega-conglomerates would like us to see and hear the news.

We must not compromise the public's right to sift through a variety of diverse sources of information so that they might reach their own conclusion. We cannot and must not take away their right to make an informed decision, their right to make a choice about what to believe or disbelieve.

I strongly oppose the ownership changes being considered and urge you to reconsider this action which truly threatens the assurance of a democratic society as envisioned by our founding fathers.

Respectfully,
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From: Rebecca Meany
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:31 AM
Subject: Please say NO to media deregulation

Dear Sirs and Madam:

As a concerned citizen I am urging you to reconsider your stance on media deregulation. True, there are more media options available today than there were 30 years ago. However, by allowing these proposed rules to take effect, local news coverage will severely diminish, and eventually the four major TV networks could be owned by the same company. For people without cable TV such as myself, this would be a disaster. Keep in mind, not everyone can afford to get cable or satellite TV. The government needs to protect the poor, not just the rich.

I beg you to ask yourselves, Who will benefit most by these changes? "Media conglomerates" can be the only answer. The government must represent the public interest, not just special interests. Furthermore, airwaves are public domain. Do not let them fall into the hands of a select few for-profit entities.

Signed,
 One of the citizens you are sworn to protect,
 Rebecca Meany
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CC: Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Christopher Harp
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, zend2@earthlink.net
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:41 AM
Subject: Ownership of airwaves

Please do NOT relax (increase) corporate ownership of the American People's airwaves. The airwaves belong to the American People and are not to be used for demographically designed corporate profit. The reduction and loss of : local news and events, political debates and issues, democratic process, TRUTH!, will futher disintegrate the foundation of this nation.

Why is it that when I read the UK's Guardian newspaper or watch Freespeech TV I get a fuller understanding of the issues happening in the world and the U.S. then when I watch and read the major U.S. networks and newspapers? Is it because the corporate interest of the major networks are PAID by their advertising and political slant means higher profit which helps Wall Street which helps the U.S. economy and TRUTH takes a back seat to our U.S. interest?

Thank you for your time.

Enjoy Peace,
Chris Harp

From: Raley Peterson
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:53 AM
Subject: Duplication Rules

Well, it happened again for the upteenth time. Instead of watching my favorite program, CBS Sunday Morning, I am forced to endure the "Hour of Power". I am angry.

Your duplication rules are to blame. Sunday Morning is broadcast by Portland Oregon's CBS affiliate, KOIN. At the same time, Hour of Power is broadcast by the Tri-Cities, Washington's CBS affiliate, KEPR.

I live in Pendleton, Oregon. I receive television reception from both stations. I pay money to receive this television reception.

Your duplication rules are both unpopular and unnecessary.

Raley F. Peterson

From: Phil Fonville
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:57 AM
Subject: Proposed Rule Changes - Please Vote NO

June 1, 2003

Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

I feel very strongly that the proposed rule changes to be voted on June 2 are not in the public interest. Further consolidation of media ownership would limit the public's access to information it needs for making informed decisions.

Please help to protect and promote the public interest by voting against the proposed rule changes.

Sincerely,

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From: Norman Samuelson
To: @fcc.gov
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:29 AM
Subject: Allowing large companies to own more TV stations in major markets

I am writing to express my disagreement with your proposed rule change which would allow large companies to own additional TV stations in major markets.

It is clearly NOT in the public interest to allow already powerful media companies to get even more control. What good does the FCC do if it does not protect us from such things. This seems on the face of it to be one of the stupidest things the federal government has done (domestically) in a long time.

- Norm -

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From: Dirk & Denise Hooper
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:36 AM
Subject: Hearing tomorrow

Commissioner Abernathy,

Please reconsider your support for the new rules regarding media ownership. Despite the current rules it is already apparent that the consolidation in this industry has limited the information we may hear about a certain story. There is no variation from one report to the next. No additional color. And very seldom do we hear something on one station that we don't find on another. To allow for increased consolidation would only amplify this problem.

The consolidation in the radio industry has already ruined several radio stations that I used to listen to. Now they are all on looped programming where you begin to realize you've heard those two songs - back to back - earlier in the day. They've fired all the "color commentary" replacing them with drones who read boring ads. There are very few LOCAL stations left - which also limits the news we hear.

The airwaves belong to the people - not corporations. Please vote no on this new proposal.

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From: Sondra Runnells
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:40 AM
Subject: PROPOSED CHANGES IN MEDIA OWNERSHIP

I am AGAINST the proposed changes to media ownership, which the FCC will consider on June 2. I feel strongly that allowing further mergers of news outlets will result in the homogenous reporting of news and dilute the diversity in reporting that provides Americans with the range of information and viewpoints they need to make informed decisions. I am asking you to preserve the public's right to know by voting AGAINST the proposed changes to media ownership.

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From: Ronald West
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjmwev@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:40 AM
Subject: Changes in Regulations

Dear FCC Commissioners,
We urge that you not adopt the new proposed regulations that would allow further concentration of media outlets into fewer hands.
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Boulder, Colorado

From: Nicole Ramseyer
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Nicole Ramseyer (crazycat94019@yahoo.com) writes:

I'm writing to express my concern over the deregulation of the media. It seems that the media and entertainment industries that reach most people already present a limited scope of opinions and programming. We're basically reduced to two political parties and Hollywood blockbuster movies in this country. Please don't allow for further limitation by deregulation.

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From: William Schneider
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, jmweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:47 AM
Subject: Consolidation Jun 2 meeting

Dear Sir,

Wasn't it John Adams who said that dispersion of power was our surest method of remaining free? Shouldn't we fight any consolidation of power? Especially, the power to use mass media to form public opinion favorable financially to the acquirers of mass media?

Sincerely yours,

Bill
Schneider

From: BBiggert@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:48 AM
Subject: Freedom Of Speech

Dear Mr. Powell,

Please know that the American people want our local news to be available from more than 2 sources. If we allow this to continue to pyramid from what it is now, there will be a situation that will occur that will not be able to be fixed without a major undertaking. Looking forward at the issues that this vote could result in, would allow you to see that we already currently have issues with the current laws that are in place. Clearing a path for more of the major players to become even more saturated in our local news (television, radio, and billboards) puts even more issues on the plate.

Please reconsider your position on your vote tomorrow. The American people have always stood up for the rights of our freedom from the beginning of our heritage. This is one subject that means alot to each and everyone of us. I live in Jacksonville, Florida and we have seen this our local news turn from 3 major television stations to 2, due to the current laws, ABC and NBC are now owned by one entity and there local news is the same on both stations, not to mention the radio stations in this city and this is just one city in the South that the laws have currently affected. What happens in a local emergency, if the station, both television and radio are the same entity that is part of the EAS and in the middle of the night, they are not even there because of the automation of their operations? With the nations' continued threats of terror, this is one area that concerns us all and should be a concern to you and your commission.

I and the American people appeal to you and your commission to act in the best interest of the American people, please preserve the freedom of speech in our local communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Beverly West
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 11:54 AM
Subject: media monopoly rules

Please Vote NO --

Do NOT eliminate rules that protect against media monopoly and corporate consolidation.

I am appalled at the rush to push this idea through.

I already have to work too hard to find non-mainstream voices in order to get a sufficiently balanced perspective to form my own opinions.

Democracy Demands Better Balance.

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